Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Has he belief in Christianity?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—His books give one the impression that he was a believer in the tenets of the Hindu Religion.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Are all classes of caste-Hindus admitted in these schools?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Whether the Government is undertaking the teaching of religions?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Whether the Government intended to aid the school?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Government do not intend to aid any of these schools in future. But this is an accrued interest. Government should not interfere with it.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—What is the accrued interest?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—They have been enjoying this privilege under a Royal warrant. The question is whether the time has come to interfere with this privilege.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Is it supported by a Royal Charter?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—But one was aided by the Maharaja.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—We are transgressing our limits.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Am I to understand that these are aided as antiquaries?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Government was aiding that school since that was serving as a type of culture. Whether it is antiquarianism or not is a matter of opinion.

Initiative for the Educational Survey of the State.

286. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Adverting to the discussion referred to in paragraph 3 (3) of the Report on the Educational Survey, will the Government be pleased to state whether it was they or the Director of Public Instruction who first proposed the Educational Survey of the State?

Mr. I.N. Menon.—The Educational Survey of the State was first proposed by the Government.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—It is said that it was first proposed by the Government. Was it on the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction?

Mr. I.N. Menon.—That question is superfluous when it is answered here that it was made on the suggestion of the Government.

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Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Was there any communication in this behalf made by the Director before the Government proposed the survey ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—If there was such a thing, this answer would be false.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Have not the undesirable state of affairs, as recently noticed, had some effect on the Government to make these proposals ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have detailed the various reasons and this is one of them.

Private and Aided Schools—Import.

287. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Adverting to paragraph 6 of the Report on the Educational Survey, will the Government be pleased to state what are meant by *Private schools* as distinct from *Aided schools*.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Aided schools are public schools intended for the whole community and satisfying all the conditions which may be prescribed in this behalf and entitled to grant-in-aid.

Private schools are schools intended for a special section of the community and such schools are not eligible for aid.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—It is said such schools are not eligible for aid. Are they eligible for recognition ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is true we made no special mention about their eligibility for recognition and I think this point will have to be settled by the committee.

Site of the Muslim School at Vaduthala.

288. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table all the papers relating to the site of the Muslim School at Vaduthala?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There is no Muslim School at Vaduthala.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Does the Hon'ble Member for Education think so even now, after his yesterday's assertion that it is a Muslim school ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I said yesterday not exactly as the Hon'ble Member said. There was no Muslim school. But a a large number of Muslims attended the school.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Were you pleased to say that the school had some Muslim features?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—If the Hon'ble Member will recollect what I said, it enjoyed many of the concessions extended to Muslims along with other schools.

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